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### **LA GALAXY BRINGS YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT TO RIVERSIDE**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – The LA Galaxy is bringing the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Copa LA youth soccer tournament presented by La Curacao to Riverside on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 - 31, to the Ab Brown Sports Complex. As one of the top youth soccer tournaments in the region, Copa LA features Under-9 through Under-19 groups in the Boys Division and select groups in the Girls Division.

Copa LA, a tournament for unaffiliated Hispanic youth soccer teams, provides an opportunity for players to be seen by Galaxy scouts as well as their counterparts from Southland colleges. All those scouting the players will be looking to strike gold with some of the yet-to-be discovered talent that abounds throughout Southern California.

"We are extremely proud to host Copa LA for the first time here in Riverside," stated Councilmember Andy Melendrez. "This is a great opportunity for Riverside to showcase Ab Brown as an excellent soccer venue. And for the many talented young players throughout Southern California, it's their opportunity to shine in competition and be noticed by not only the Galaxy, but also a variety of college coaches."

More than 150 teams ranging in age will compete in the event. Group preliminary matches will be played Saturday and Sunday with the semifinals and finals in each age category to be contested on Monday.

Select LA Galaxy players will be in attendance and signing autographs for fans during the three day tournament.

In order to register your team for this tournament, or to learn more about it, please visit [www.lagalaxy.com/9th-annual-copa-la](http://www.lagalaxy.com/9th-annual-copa-la).

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